

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: **METHOD FOR THE LASER MACHINING OF COATED SHEETS**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Attn: **Mail Stop PCT**  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,  
please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims,  
which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.